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TERRORISTS ATTACK ON ARMY BARRACKS IN J & K
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are continued attacks on the Army barracks in J&K by the terrorists;

(b) if so, number of soldiers killed/injured at the hands of terrorists during last six months, till date;

(c) the number of terrorists killed/arrested during the above period; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to tackle the situation and to boost the morale of the Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): During the last six months, till 21st July 2003, there has been only one attack on Army barracks at Sanjuwan Cantonment on 28th June, 2003. Two terrorists were involved, both of whom were killed. The attack resulted in the loss of 13 soldiers on our side while another six were injured.

(d) Adequate measures have been taken to ensure security of vulnerable areas such as gathering intelligence inputs, reinforcing t

(e) he security of cantonments, proper sitting of the camps, intensified patrolling for area domination, employment of `Quick Reaction Teams` and conduct of synergised counter terrorist operations in adjoining areas.

The troops are well motivated and psychologically conditioned and such isolated incidents do not necessarily impinge on their morale.